The American Indian Summer Institute is a free residential summer program for Native high school students currently in grades 8-11. Participants will stay at the campus dormitories to experience university life while interacting with professors, admissions staff, college students and invited American Indian community members to further enhance their knowledge of the university admissions process. Students who complete the program will receive follow up mentorship as well as free SAT and AP prep course materials.

For more information, please contact Yolanda León Polequaptewa yolanda@aicra.us (323) 510-7204
**ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE IN A UNIVERSITY SETTING**

The American Indian Summer Institute is a free residential summer program where students will work with professors, admissions officers, college students, and invited American Indian community members to learn about the university environment, improve study skills, and prepare for college. The students will stay in the university dormitories. In addition to learning about admissions and different departmental majors, they will engage in cultural workshops and activities as well as field trips and social events. The program will end with a closing ceremony with awards for outstanding students.

All students in the program will receive follow-up mentorship by university staff, students, and admissions counselors throughout their remaining years of high school, which will include guidance in choosing their coursework, financial aid, test preparation materials, and applying to a university.

**ELIGIBILITY**

Participants must satisfy the following criteria:

- have the desire to contribute to the American Indian community as reflected by current engagement with the community
- plan to enroll in an institution of higher education
- be a currently enrolled 8th - 11th grade student (entering 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade in Fall 2015)
- have an overall GPA of 2.8 or above

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**No cost to you!** The Summer Program will cover the majority of expenses during the week. These include: housing, daily meals, workshop materials and transportation during program activities. *(Note: Participants are responsible for transportation to and from the university. Scholarships are available.)*

Transportation Scholarships are available to cover travel related expenses. Please note that you will be reimbursed at the END of the program. You or your parents must arrange for your transportation to and from the program ahead of time.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURES (due April 30th)**

- Complete the application form
- Submit your current academic transcript *(may be unofficial)*
- Write a one page personal statement telling us
  - Your reasons for wanting to participate in the program and
  - Your involvement in your tribe or local American Indian community
  - If your GPA does not meet the requirements, you should discuss this in your essay

**OPTIONAL:** If applying for a transportation scholarship, include an essay describing the financial hardships in your life *(approximately ½ to 1 page)*. You may be contacted for an interview.
APPLICATION FORM

We welcome your application to the American Indian Summer Institute. If you have any questions about the program or this application, please contact Yolanda León Polequaptewa at (323) 510-7204. The preferred method of applying is through the online application at www.aicra.us or by emailing a scanned copy of the paper application to Yolanda@aicra.us. However, you may also send the application by faxing to (714) 209-4462, or mailing to:

AICRA American Indian Summer Institute
407 Social Science Tower
Irvine, CA 92697-2505

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Primary Phone: [ ] cell [ ] home [ ] E-mail

Date of Birth

Gender [ ] Male [ ] Female

Tribal Affiliation(s):

Parent/Guardian Contact Name:

Relationship:

Phone Number:

Email:

Cumulative GPA

Graduation Year [ ] 2016 [ ] 2018 [ ] 2017 [ ] 2019

Mailing Address (If different from home): Number/Street

City/State

Zip

1) Please list all high schools/colleges attended, starting with your current school:

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2) Please list any academic achievements, honors, scholarships and memberships in academic honor societies or student groups:

3) Do you have any disabilities, medications, or special needs that we can accommodate?

4) How did you learn about this program?
STUDENT/PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

(Including all “Dormitory and Campus Rules”)

It is the goal of the American Indian Summer Program to develop a community of learners (students, staff, and faculty) dedicated to educational pursuits and committed to their fellow learners. To achieve this goal, we have established the following policies in accordance with University policies and those promoted by programs across the country. Participating students agree to the following:

- Complete all classes, workshops, presentations, and all assigned work to the best of their ability. Students are responsible for consulting with faculty, teaching assistants, tutors and mentors.
- Respect others and their physical environment. While freedom of expression is encouraged for all participants, any personal conflicts and issues not resolved by the concerned parties should be brought to the attention of the Director.
- Respect others and contribute to the creation of an environment conducive to positive learning throughout the entire program.

Participants (students, staff, and faculty) agree to abide by UC policies:

- The possession of weapons is strictly prohibited by the University of California and is cause for immediate dismissal from the Program.
- A no alcohol/no drugs policy will prevail throughout the program. The sale, possession or use of alcohol or drugs is strictly prohibited and is grounds for immediate dismissal from the Program.
- To benefit future American Indian Summer Program participants, we require that all students complete evaluations of their experience during and after the program.
- Failure to follow any of the above will result in cancellation of Program support and services, and/or dismissal from the Program.
- Parents will be responsible for all transportation expenses as a result of early dismissal. This includes parents of participants who are scholarship recipients.
- Parents are responsible for student pick-up or arranging transportation on the final day of the program. The dormitories will not be available after the last day.

I have read and understand the above student responsibilities and agree to abide by them.

Student signature: ____________________________ Date: ________________

Student Name: ____________________________

Parent signature: ____________________________ Date: ________________

Parent Name: ____________________________

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Student Name: ____________________________

Parent signature: ____________________________ Date: ________________

Parent Name: ____________________________
EMERGENCY TREATMENT AUTHORIZATION

(Participants under 18 years of age)

I understand that the American Indian Summer Program Staff will try to contact the parent or legal guardian identified in this application in the case of the Participant’s illness or injury. In case of such illness or injury, and when, in the judgment of the staff, emergency medical attention is warranted, I authorize the staff to call paramedics. If deemed necessary, I give permission for my child to be taken by paramedics or ambulance to a hospital and for the medical staff there to take whatever action is necessary to meet the emergency. I understand that I am responsible for any charge(s) incurred.

Signature of parent or legal guardian: ____________________________ Date: __________________

Relationship to the Participant: ________________________________

PRIVACY NOTIFICATION

The State of California Information Practices Act of 1977 requires the University to provide the following information to individuals who are asked to supply information about themselves.

The principal purpose for requesting the information on this form is to process your application to the American Indian Summer Program. University policy authorizes maintenance of this information. Furnishing all information on this form is mandatory. Failure to provide such information will delay, or may even prevent completion of your registration. Information furnished on this form may be used by various University offices for registration and other academic-related purposes and will be transmitted to the state and federal governments if required by law. Individuals have the right to access this record as it pertains to them.

I/We have completed this application and verify that the information provided is true and accurate to the best of my/our knowledge. Further, I/we understand that admission to the American Indian Summer Program may be denied if any information is found to be incomplete or inaccurate.

Student signature: ____________________________ Date: __________________

Student Name: _______________________________________________________________________

Parent signature: ____________________________ Date: __________________

Parent Name: ________________________________________________________________________

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

☐ Application Form
☐ Emergency Treatment Authorization
☐ Student Responsibilities Agreement
☐ Personal Statement
☐ Transcripts (may be unofficial)
☐ Transportation Scholarship Essay (optional)
PARTICIPATION ESSAY

You can use the space below OR you can use a separate piece of paper

Write a one page personal statement telling us

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▪ Your involvement in your tribe or local American Indian community
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